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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
GROUP 1762  
PATENT APPLICATION

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

Docket No: Q64212

Yoshihide KINBARA

Appln. No.: 09/849,886

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 21, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows on the accompanying pages and as allowed by the new format specified in the Official Gazette Notice of February 25, 2003, entitled, *Amendments in a Revised Format Now Permitted*, wherein the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.121 (a-d) have been waived.:

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